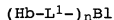


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A liquid crystal composition comprises liquid crystal  
5 molecules and an alignment promoter. The alignment promoter is represented by the formula (I).



(I)

In the formula (I), Hb is an aliphatic group having 4  
10 to 40 carbon atoms, an aromatic group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms or an aliphatic substituted oligosiloxanoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms.  $L^1$  is a single bond or a di-valent linking group, and n is an integer of 2 to 12. Bl is an n-valent group comprising at least two rings.

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